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PATENT

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Divisional Application of :  
Takayuki SUGAWARA :  
Serial No. : Group Art Unit:  
Filed: : Examiner:

For: METHOD OF PROTECTION OF DATA REPRODUCTION, AND  
REPRODUCTION APPARATUS PROVIDING PROTECTION OF DATA  
REPRODUCTION

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above identified application as  
follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add the following new claims.

--18. A reproduction apparatus providing reproduction protection, for  
operating on main data which are conveyed by a data medium and on medium  
protection data which are specific to said data medium and are conveyed by said  
data medium, the apparatus comprising: